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November 30, 1999

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Approval of
Plan to Improve Reliability Through Infrastructure and Incentives and
Request for Rate Increase for Test Year 2000

6630-UR-111

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS
AND
NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Prehearing Conference Date:	Wednesday, December 15, 1999 – 10:00 a.m.
Conference Location:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room - 1st Floor)

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider Wisconsin Electric Power Company's (WEPCO) September 17, 1999, application requesting rate relief for incremental capital investments related to reliability and safety for its fossil, transmission, and distribution operations pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37. The company's request for rate relief also addresses the increase in revenue requirement resulting from the expiration of an amortization of pre-1991 contributions in aid of construction.

On July 6, 1999, WEPCO submitted financial data for the 2000 test year indicating a revenue deficiency in the test year, but requesting no change in rates.

WEPCO's September 17, 1999, filing requests a two-step rate increase for its electric and natural gas operations and proposes to incorporate certain performance-based measures and incentives. The application requests no change in rates for the company's steam operations. WEPCO is requesting a \$46 million (3.1 percent) increase for electric operations and an \$8 million (2.0 percent) increase for gas operations to be effective January 1, 2000. For the second step, WEPCO is requesting an additional \$29 million (2.0 percent) for electric operations to be effective January 1, 2001.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Wednesday, December 15, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at

times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

The prehearing conference is being held to: 1) rule on requests to become parties; 2) identify issues; 3) determine the date and time for a hearing; 4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and 5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Jeffry Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Office of the Administrative Law Judge, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Mary Kettle at (608) 267-2405.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission